


REMARKS

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-8, 14-17, 23 and 25. Subsequent to the Notice of Allowance, the Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner to request that Claims 9, 10, 18 and 19, previously withdrawn under an election of species, be rejoined. The Examiner agreed rejoinder is proper, but noted that certain minor defects in the rejoined claims required amendment. The Applicants' representative sent to the Examiner on 4 September the amendments provided herein to address those defects identified by the Examiner and to further clarify the relationship of some elements of the claims. The Examiner verbally agreed on September 5, 2008, that the amendments are acceptable and within the scope of the allowed subject matter. The Applicants provide the amendments in the current submission to make the record clear with respect to these amendments. Note that Claims 9, 10, 18 and 19 are no longer designated "withdrawn," consistent with the Examiner's agreement to rejoin these claims.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his kind assistance in resolving these post-allowance issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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